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## BRACU celebrates Int'l Midwife Day

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A colorful rally from Bangladesh Nursing College to National Museum took place yesterday on the occasion of celebration of International Day of the Midwife (IDM) 2016 jointly organized by BRAC University, Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC), DNA, UNFPA and. "Women and newborns: the heart of midwifery" this year's theme

for the IDM is more relevant than ever. Additional Secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Goutam Aich Sarker, Joint Secretary of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) Shuraiya Begum, Registrar of the Bangladesh Nursing Council Nelofar Farhad, Deputy Director of Directorate of Nursing Services (DNS) Rondi Anderson, Midwifery Specialist from UNFPA Dr. Jahir Uddin Ahmed, the Interim Chairperson of Department of Midwifery and Nursing (DMN) and other officials from BRAC University and BRAC attended the rally. The International Day of the Midwife, celebrated every year on May 5, offers an opportunity to celebrate the contributions of midwives to the health and wellbeing of a nation. In Bangladesh, professional, certified midwives have recently begun practicing, following the Prime Minister's commitment to creating 3000 posts for midwives by 2015. BRAC University is proud of implementing the first ever "Diploma in Midwifery" programme in the private sector in Bangladesh. This education is a three years academic programme with 155 credits which follow a competency-based curriculum compliant with the standards of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) and accredited by the Bangladesh Nursing and Midwifery Council (BNMC). BRACU has been implementing the Developing Midwives Project funded by the UK government since 2012 with a vision to reduce the maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in Bangladesh.